

Printer port confusion

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Is there a reason why different websites list different signal states on some parallel port pins? Are some just wrong, or were there two types of parallel ports for PC's at one time?

For example:

<http://et.nmsu.edu/~etti/fall96/computer/printer/printer.html> indicates that pins 10 and 15 are inverted inputs, while

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Bill_Bowden/page6.htm#p_input has 10 and 15 as `_normal_` inputs while `*11*` is inverted!

I just found out my PC has the latter pinout, while I had wired a circuit assuming that the first website (and another that agreed with it) were correct.

<grumble>

I just want to know if I'm going to have problems with pinouts if I want to hook a microcontroller to different PC's and their parallel ports.

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